# Prayers to print – September 2019

*Any of the following prayers can be copied and pasted into your bulletins, newsletters, e-mails, etc. to encourage members to pray for their synod’s ministry work.*

**September 1**

*Synod Convention* – Lord God, we praise you for the blessings celebrated at this summer’s synod convention—WELS programs to enhance outreach, discipleship, and ministerial education, declaring fellowship with Lutheran church bodies in Kenya and Taiwan, and the progress of our theological training center in Vietnam. We pray that you continue to bless the work of our synod—guide President Mark Schroeder and second vice president Joel Voss in their new terms and help our congregations to increase offerings so we can better meet the opportunities you are giving to us. Amen.

**September 8**

*Christian Aid and Relief* – Almighty God, you remind us through the Apostle James that “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” We thank you for the opportunities you have prepared for us to be of service to the poor and the vulnerable in the world through WELS Christian Aid and Relief. May their humanitarian aid projects be an effective opportunity to share the gospel with those who have not heard it. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**September 15**

*Commission on Inter-Church Relations* – Lord Jesus, we praise you for building your Church despite all the obstacles the devil and the world try to set up. Thank you for the 34 church bodies in fellowship with WELS around the world. Bless the efforts of the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations as they work to establish, preserve, and strengthen the bond of confessional fellowship with these and other churches. Amen.

**September 22**

*New mission, Wesley Chapel, Fla.* – Lord of the Church, we thank you that you have provided us with so many opportunities to proclaim the gospel to new communities through the establishment of home mission congregations. We ask you to bless our new mission in Wesley Chapel, Fla. May they glorify your name as they seek to reach their community. In your name we pray. Amen.

**September 29**

*India* – We thank you, Lord, for the work that our synod has undertaken in India over the past 20 years: for the dozens of personnel trained, for the materials published, and for the children who have been educated. In a place where so much of a person’s ability to succeed is often tied to the opportunities afforded to them by their families and communities, we praise you that we have been able to freely share clothing, food, and education with those who would be otherwise unable to access it. Finally, we thank you that you've enabled us to use this as an opportunity to spread your gospel to those who don’t yet believe. Amen.